(b) whether any rehabilitation plan has since been prepared for them; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No *recent agreement with Sri Lanka has been* concluded by which stateless Tamils of Indian origin have become eligible for Indian citizenship.

However, Government remains committed to grant of Indian citizenship to those stateless Tamils of Indian origin who had applied for it before 30th October 1981 in terms of the 1964 and 1974 Agreements.

(b) and (c) All the future repatriates will be re-settled in the various on-going schemes drawn up by the Ministry of Home Affairs in such fields as Plantations, Agricultural, Industrial, Business/Small Trade and the schemes of the Repatriates, Cooperative Finance & Development Bank Limited etc. Also in the schemes that would be formulated in due course by the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka or any other State where they may be inducted later on.

Report of Committee of State Labour Ministers

2730. SHRI ALADI ARUNA ALIAS V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Labour has received the report of a committee of State Labour Ministers constituted in 1983; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations of the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) As decided in the Labour Ministers' Confrerence held in September, 1983 a Group of State Labour Ministers was set up in the year 1983 to go into the question of :

(i) what should be the minimum age for child labour; and

(ii) whether we should have a comprehensive law governing child labour and if so what should be the outline for such laws.

The Government have received the recommendations submitted by the Group.

(b) The brief details of the recommendations are as follows :—

1. *Minimum age of the entry into employment for children.*

The Group was of the view that it would be inappropriate under the present conditions to recommend a uniform minimum age for entry into employment for all trades or industries.

2. *Gradual elimination of child Labour and comprehensive legislation.*

The Group felt that it is not practical to have a single comprehensive legislation to cover all aspects of working in different industries. However, the Group recommended legislation covering the following aspects :—

(i) Non-formal education of the working child.

(ii) Compulsory medical check up and health care.

(iii) Skill Development Training.

(iv) Arrangement for transport of working children.

(v) Organisational support.

(vi) Integration with ongoing programmes.

(vii) Contribution to Provident Fund.

Export of drugs

2731. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total export in quantity and value of drugs and drug intermediates during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) what was the export of Castor Oil, Guar Gum, Psyllium, Senna Vinca, Cinchona and opium separately during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what was the percentage increase and decrease each year in the export of each of these items;

(d) whether it is a fact that imports of bulk drugs and inter-mediates have gone up during the last three years;

(e) if so, the value of imports since 1983-84 to 1985-86, year-wise; and

(f) what are the main reasons for the increase in imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a)The export of drugs and drugs intermediates comprises of bulk material, tablets, capsules, liquids, injectables ointments etc., in various unit packs and, therefore, exports are estimated only in value. The estimated value of exports during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Experts (Rs. crores) in terms of F.O.B.
1983-84	81.80
1984-85	128.75
1985-86	139.95

(b) and (c) A statement is attached (*See* below) :

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Total imports of bulk drugs and intermediates, including chemicals and solvents, during the last three years, to the extent available are given below :

Year	(Rs. in crores) c.i.f. value of import
1983-84	158.73
1984-85	204.42
1985-86	250.03

(f) Increase in import is attributable to the rising demand.

Statement

The value of export of castor oil gaur, gum, Psyllium, Senna, Vinca Rosea, Cinchona and opium during the last three years and the percentage increase/decrease each year are given below :—

(Rs./crores in terms of f.o.b.)

Sl. No.	Name of the item	1983-84	1984-85	Percenage increase/ decrease	1985-86	Percentage increase/ decrease
1	Castor oil medicinal	80·00	88·73	+10·90	54·41	—38·70
2	Psyllium	17·34	42·97	+14·60	34·70	—19·20
3	Senna	1·33	1·45	+9·00	2·65	+82·00
4	Vinca Rosea	0·32	0·34	+6·25	0·46	+35·30
5	Opium	21·09	30·60	+45·00	23·75	—22·38
6	Gaur Gum	16·04	35·97	+124·25	32·63	—9·28

Cinchona, as such, is not permissible for export.

Theft of RBI Currency Chests

2732. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any RBI currency chests were stolen recently while being transported from Nagpur to Itarsi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that 3 boxes containing Rs. 6,01,500/- in currency notes and coins were stolen from a remittance sent by the 391-Down Nagpur-Itarsi Passanger Train on 21st October, 1986. R.B.I. has further reported that of the stolen amount, Rs. 5,39,393/- has so far been recovered and 6 criminals involved in the case have also reportedly been arrested by the Police.

2733. [*Transferred to the 5th December* 1986].